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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SHERER FROM SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: CSCE: PARAMETERS FOR MANEUVER CBM

REF: GENEVA 4351 (NOTAL)

1. YOU SHOULD CALL ON KOVALEV AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND MAKE
FOLLOWING POINTS REGARDING ALLIED REACTIONS TO SOVIET-
SUGGESTED PARAMETERS FOR MANEUVERS CBM:

-- WE TRIED OUR BEST BUT WERE UNABLE TO PERSUADE OUR ALLIES
TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL OF 250 KILOMETERS, 30,000
MEN AND 18 DAYS FOR THE CBM ON MANEUVERS, DESPITE OUR
STRONG EMPHASIS THAT THESE FIGURES WERE ACCEPTABLE TO US.

-- WE BELIEVE THE TIME IS RIPE FOR A FINAL COMPROMISE,
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HOWEVER, IF ALL CONCERNED CAN JUST DISPLAY A LITTLE MORE
FLEXIBILITY.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THE NEUTRALS MAY SOON TABLE A POSSIBLE

FINAL COMPROMISE TEXT, WHICH WE WOULD HOPE WILL MEET THE SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES AND THUS SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE PROSPECTS FOR CONCLUDING THE CONFERENCE IN JULY.

2. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE PARAMETERS OF 300 KILOMETERS, 25,000 MEN, AND 21 DAYS TO KOVALEV. INSTEAD, YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH YOUR UK COLLEAGUE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS NATO CAUCUS LEADER ON CMBS, AND ASK HIM EITHER TO SUGGEST TO KOVALEV WHAT IT TAKES TO NAIL DOWN A FINAL COMPROMISE OR HAVE HIM ASK THE AUSTRIAN NEUTRAL CAUCUS LEADER TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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